

Monthly Mailing – May 2016

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your May 2016 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **July 2016**, will be sent out on 28 June 2016. There is **no June mailing** due to a break in the schedule for Yearly Meeting.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.



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this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-may16

Listings

- **Books of the Month May 2016: Yearly Meeting edition** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses May 2016**
Please display this courses and events listing. To book your place on a course visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk and book online or download and print a booking form from www.bit.ly/wbform1. Alternatively call 0121 472 5171 to book.

Our faith in the future

Local meetings should expect a resource pack (posted separately) with a few display materials for *Our faith in the future* from Meeting for Sufferings. This will include details on how to order additional items. Please pass the pack to clerk and / or elders when it arrives. Peter Sender, 0207 663 1114, peters@quaker.org.uk

Reminder

Exploring Worship 15–17 July 2016, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

This is a great, thoughtful and fun-filled weekend for children aged 8 to 12 with a separate programme for parents and carers. **Closing date for bookings 14 June 2016.**

Bookings: 0121 472 5171, enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk

Information: Mel Cook, 020 7663 1014, melaniec@quaker.org.uk

We suggest that some of the following items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Yearly Meeting 2016

27–30 May, Friends House, London

General reminders



Please remind Friends:

- to **register for Yearly Meeting** at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/bym>
Anyone unable to register online, please contact the Yearly Meeting office and registration details will be taken by phone.
- to **engage with the annual reports of our governance bodies** and submit questions in advance of Yearly Meeting to arrangements@quaker.org.uk
- to **view the events listing** at www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/ym/documents-1 to see what special interest meetings will be happening
- that the **accompanying programme** will run for young people aged 15–18
www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2016
- that the **Young Adults at Yearly Meeting programme** will run for 18–25s
<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/young-adults-at-yearly-meeting-2016>

Yearly Meeting Office, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
020 7663 1040, ym@quaker.org.uk

1. Accessibility at Yearly Meeting 2016

27–30 May, Friends House, London

General accessibility information for Friends House can be found at:
www.friendshouse.co.uk/access-arrangements

We would like to remind area meetings of their responsibility relating to accessibility needs of their members attending Yearly Meeting 2016. Area meetings should be the first port of call for support or primary care that their members may need during Yearly Meeting. If the area meeting is unable to help, the YM Pastoral Care Group will try to help but it needs advance notification. While they will make every effort to provide support there may be a limit to what can be done.

access@quaker.org.uk



Please ask Friends who are coming to Yearly Meeting and have accessibility needs, to contact their AM clerk.

Children and Young People

2. Living our beliefs

More than three hundred young Quakers in Britain contributed to *Living our Beliefs*, a book exploring Quakerism, available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop and as an ebook at www.yqspace.org.uk/living-our-beliefs. *Living our Beliefs* tackles similar topics to *Quaker faith & practice*, but is shorter and simpler. The book includes links to video clips and music playlists. Suitable for Quakers young and old and may be just the thing to give to young people when they come into membership or on a significant birthday.

It was developed and edited by young Quakers with Graham Ralph.
www.yqspace.org.uk/living-our-beliefs

Quaker Centre Bookshop, www.quaker.org.uk/resources/bookshop
020 7663 1030, quakercentre@quaker.org.uk



Please promote, especially let overseers know that this is available as a potential gift for young Quakers.

3. Living our Beliefs Event for Quaker Youth/Link Groups

Saturday 9 July, Friends House, London

A one-day event for Quaker Youth/Link group coordinators to bring a group of young people from their Quaker meeting or youth/link group. The day will be linking to the *Living our Beliefs* publication for young Quakers. This event will help young Quakers to understand how their beliefs are grounded in faith and how that belief can translate into action. Youth/link group coordinators should register their interest **before 18 May 2016** with:

CYP Administrator, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

Find more information at www.quaker.org.uk/cypevents

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Please announce in notices.

4. Junior Yearly Meeting epistle

The epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting that took place for 15- to 18-year-old Quakers from all over Britain at the beginning of April is enclosed.

Thais De Oliveira, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

Available on the internet at www.yqspace.org.uk/jym2016

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Please read this out after meeting or have it available for Friends to read.

Young Friends

5. Young Adult Leadership Programme

July 2016, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Applications are now open for the Young Adult Leadership Programme. This 12-month part-time course is a great opportunity to help develop leadership skills in young Friends. It has two residential periods at Woodbrooke, another weekend held at Swarthmoor Hall, and ongoing work online through the year. The programme starts in July each year. Open to Friends aged 19–30.

Michael Eccles, 0121 415 6760, michael.eccles@woodbrooke.org.uk

Visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk/youngadults to find out more.

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Please pass this information to young Friends who may be interested.

Workshops on militarism and Trident

6. Workshops on militarism

Sam Walton of Quaker Peace & Social Witness is running a series of workshops about militarism. These will be in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester and London between 7–11 May.

Sam Walton, 020 7663 1067, samw@quaker.org.uk

7. Workshops, talks and book on Trident

Tim Wallis of Quaker Peace & Social Witness has written a book and is offering to run workshops and talks about Trident between now and the expected vote in parliament later this autumn. The book, *The Truth About Trident*, is available from the Quaker Bookshop. If you buy one copy you can get a second copy half-price to give to your MP using the order form enclosed in this mailing.

Tim Wallis, 020 7663 1067, timw@quaker.org.uk

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Circulate the workshops flyer: Encourage Friends to attend militarism workshops. Decide as a meeting whether to host a Trident workshop.

Share the flyer for the book and decide whether to buy an extra copy to send to your MP.

100 years of conscientious objection

8. Inviting participation in Quaker Arts Network exhibition

August 2016, Friends House, London

'Echo Chamber: Voices of conscience' is a sound and photography exhibition marking 100 years of conscientious objection. It will be held in Friends House in August 2016.

Artists Ruth Davey and Fiona Meadley invite relatives of World War I conscientious objectors (COs) to participate in the exhibition by taking photographs of themselves holding a portrait of their CO relative.

More details can be found at www.look-again.org/echo-chamber

For further details of how to get involved contact:

Fiona Meadley, 01453 828268, fiona@patiopeople.com or

Ruth Davey, 01453 298803, ruth@look-again.org



Please announce in notices and place flyer on noticeboard.

Wardens

9. Wardens Talking 2016

13 May, 8 July, 2 September, 4 November

Four regional gatherings are being hosted in 2016 by Quaker Life for wardens, resident Friends, voluntary workers and others that fulfil wardenship functions. Quaker Life encourages all meeting house staff and volunteers to attend one of these events. Please refer to the flyer for details.

wardenship@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1143

www.quaker.org.uk/employers



Refer to flyer, announce in notices and support your wardens/resident Friends to attend.

Grants

10. Apply for a QPSW Sustainability & New Economy grant

These grants support Quaker-led or Quaker-supported projects focused on building low-carbon, sustainable communities or a more just type of economics. You can apply for £100–£2,000 to help you get started with, or develop, a project between now and 3 October 2016. Successful applicants will receive their grant money in January 2017.

Find out more at: www.quaker.org.uk/sustainabilitygrants

To apply, contact Ellie Roberts, 020 7664 1056, ellier@quaker.org.uk



Do you have a relevant project that would benefit from this grant? If so, apply.

End of life issues

11. Talking about love, loss and death

Friends and meetings are encouraged to have conversations about dying and death. The enclosed leaflet, *Love and loss*, may help with this. Friends who attended the recent Quaker Life Representative Council spent the whole weekend on this topic and found it a deeply spiritual occasion. Your area meeting representative may be able to help your meeting to begin the conversation.

Michael S Booth, 020 7663 1023, michaelsb@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices and pass to Elders and Overseers.

Outreach resources, support and opportunities

Date for your diaries: Quaker Week, 1–9 October 2016

1. New Quaker posters

Available at Yearly Meeting 27–30 May

There will be four new posters available for collection at the time of Yearly Meeting on the theme of 'Acting together and connecting communities – how our faith impels us to work together and build a fairer world'. We are also having a clear out of past posters and will have mixed bags and tubes of historic posters to take away from Yearly Meeting. Other resources will become available across the summer. All this in readiness for Quaker Week 1–9 October 2016 and your local community events and festivals. For more information about Quaker Week go to www.quaker.org.uk/outreach
020 7663 1017, outreach@quaker.org.uk

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Keep space in your luggage so you can take posters home from Yearly Meeting. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/outreach.

2. Outreach course

1–3 July, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

There is a course at Woodbrooke on Outreach, Witness and Community. Places still available. Discover and share Quaker approaches to engaging with local communities. The course will focus on developing Quaker approaches on both a practical and philosophical level. Friends will consider their own contexts and how meetings can engage with the various communities around them whilst maintaining Quaker values.

0121 472 5171, enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk
www.woodbrooke.org.uk

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Book now! £205 Standard or £215 Ensuite, online discount.

3. Quaker presence at Greenbelt Festival

26–29 August, Northamptonshire

If you are attending the Greenbelt Festival from 26–29 August at Broughton House, near Kettering, and would be willing to support Quaker worship or be on the Quaker stand answering queries please contact us at outreach@quaker.org.uk.

Gill Sewell, 020 7663 1017, outreach@quaker.org.uk
www.quaker.org.uk/outreach

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Let us know if you are willing to volunteer.

4. Thinking about Quaker Week? Prepare with us

3 September, Friends House, London

Looking ahead to Quaker Week, 1–9 October? Wanting to reach as wide an audience as possible? During Quaker Week, how best can we engage with local media and social media and share our Quaker stories? As we plan events and think about how we offer a warm welcome, here's a free one-day course to learn how to publicise our Quaker faith. Expect expert input and advice and bring your experience.

Local and area meetings are encouraged to identify Friends to take part. Designed for Friends interested in sharing skills and speaking out on behalf of their local and area meeting.

Anne van Staveren, 020 7663 1048, annev@quaker.org.uk
[@mediaquaker](https://twitter.com/mediaquaker)

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Book a place now, email BYM media relations officer Anne van Staveren.